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THE Marshal *de Catinat* is returned hither from viewing the Frontier Places of this State, and the Passes into *Italy*, as well on the side of *Trent* as *Switzerland*. He has given Directions for making two Lines, the one on the Borders of the Dutchy of *Mantua*, in which Work 7000 *French* Soldiers and a great number of Pioneers are already employed, and the other on the *Swiss* Frontiers, which will be carried on likewise with all possible Expedition. 'Tis said, the *French* continue their Design of Possessing themselves of the Town of *Bersello*, belonging to the Duke of *Modena*, and in order thereunto to make use of Force, seeing the Duke still refuses to receive any of the *French* Troops into the Place. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, our Governor, went the 23d Instant to *Castiglione*, near which Place the *French* and *Spanish* Forces are shortly to Encamp; The Officers are commanded to repair to their respective Commands, and to provide themselves and their Companies with Tents, and other Necessaries. The Count *de Tesse* is gone to *Cremona*, to review several *French* Battalions now quartered in and about [illegible], as they pass by *Cremona* in their March to *Castiglione*. The Forces which the Duke of *Savoy* is to send to our Assistance, are shortly expected, as is likewise a further Reinforcement from *France*, and when these Troops are joined together, they will consist of 18 Battalions of Foot, 20 Squadrons of Horse, and 6 Squadrons of Dragoons; of the Forces of this State, 46 Battalions of Foot, 48 Squadrons of Horse, and 12 Squadrons of Dragoons, of those of *France*; and 12 Battalions of Foot, and 20 Squadrons of Horse, of those of *Savoy*; making together 76 Battalions of Foot, 88 Squadrons of Horse, and 18 Squadrons of Dragoons. A Detachment of 2000 Men is ordered to march towards *Piedmont*, to convoy a Train of Artillery from thence to *Mantua*, whither several Pieces of Cannon, with a great quantity of Ammunition, are also sent from *Pavia*. The Price of Bread being considerably raised, a good quantity of Corn is bought up by the Prince of *Vaudemont*'s Order in the Dutchy of *Savoy*, and a Supply of Corn is likewise expected from *Naples*. Directions are come from *Madrid* for the reducing of divers Publick Officers to half the Salaries they have at present, which occasions a great deal of murmuring. An Order will shortly be published, to call home, under very severe Penalties, all the Subjects of this State who are in the Service of any Foreign Prince.

Warsaw, April 30. Most of the little Diets of *Poland* and *Lithuania* have met, to choose their Deputies for the General Diet. Some of them have sent Deputies hither, to desire the King to make a Peace with the Crown of *Sweden*, and to send home his *Saxon* Forces; And the King has declared, That he is willing to enter into a Negociation of Peace with the *Swedes* upon the foot of the Treaty of *Oliva*. An Envoy is arrived here from the Prince of *Walachia*, and another from the Cham of *Tartary*, who 'tis said offer to assist the King with a considerable Body of Forces to carry on the War against the *Swedes*.

Vienna, April 30. The Regiment of *Mansfeld* arrived yesterday from *Hungary*, and is quartered in the Suburbs of this Place, and the neighbouring Villages. The Emperor intends to review them to morrow; after which they will continue their March to *Italy*. The Emperor has given half of the Regiment of the late General *Caprara* to the Prince of *Darmstad*, and the other half to the Count *de Montecuculi*, who are to make them up to two full Regiments. The Princess *Ragozzi* is come hither from *Hungary*, to solicite the Emperor in favour of the Prince her Husband, who is seized in *Hungary* on account of the late Conspiracy, and has writ to several of his Friends to assure them of his Innocency; but they would not open his Letters, and carried them to the Emperor's Ministers. Divers of the Conspirators are taken, and others are fled into the *Turkish* Dominions; The Ambassador from the Grand Signior, lately at this Court, was privy to to the Plot, and was therefore made Governor of *Temeswaer*; 'Tis said, the Design of Assassinating the Emperor, the King of the *Romans*, and the Arch-Duke, was to have been put in execution near *Laxembourg*, at a Review of some Troops of *Hussars*, which Colonel *Paul Diack* was to raise with the Emperor's Leave, and for his Service, and which were to have been composed only of such Persons as the Conspirators had a Confidence in; And at the same time a great number of *Hungarians* were to be in a readiness to take up Arms, and to fall upon the *German* Troops who lay scattered up and down in *Hungary*. It seems very uncertain whether the Conspirators designed to have set up Count *Teckely*, as was at first reported, since it hitherto appears, that this Conspiracy was carried on by the *Romish* Clergy in *Hungary*, and by such of the Nobility who were the principal Persecutors of the Protestants in those Parts. Count *Rabutin*, who has the Chief Command of the Emperor's Forces in *Transilvania*, has drawn them all together upon the discovery of this Plot, and the like is done in *Hungary*, to prevent a Surprize. The Imperial Court will remove in 5 or 6 days to *Laxembourg*. The Envoy of *Savoy* has received Orders to return home, and is accordingly preparing for his departure.

Francfort, May 8. Deputies are come hither from several of the Princes and States whose Territories are situated near the *Rhine*, to consult together how to provide for their Common Safety in the present Conjuncture. They write from *Switzerland*, that the General Diet of the Cantons was to meet the 4th Instant at *Baden*, and would return an Answer to the Proposals that were made to them at their last meeting by the Imperial and *Spanish* Ambassadors. Part of the Troops of the *French* King's Housholds are arrived in the *Franche Comte*, from whence they are to advance towards the *Rhine* if there be occasion. The Elector of *Bavaria* has Summoned the Diet of the Circle of *Bavaria* to meet the 28th Instant at *Wasserbourg*, and 'tis said, his Electoral Highness intends to propose to them a Neutrality.

Cologne, May 10. Monsieur *Desalleurs*, Envoy from *France*, has been in *Guelderland*, to confer with the Marshal *de Boufflers*, and is returned to *Dusseldorp*. 'Tis said, he presses the Elector Palatine to a Neutrality, but that his Electoral Highness declares, he will not depart from the Emperor's Interests; And the Count of *Lowenstein*, Envoy from the Emperor, is returned from *Dusseldorp* to *Francfort*, very well satisfied with the Assurances the Elector has given him to that effect. The *French* make great Magazines of Provision and Ammunition in the *Spanish Guelderland*, and particularly at

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